

John Coffee to Andrew Jackson, September 29, 1830, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL JOHN COFFEE TO JACKSON.

Choctaw Agency, September 29, 1830.

My dear Genl. I have the satisfaction to inform you, that on yesterday we closed a treaty with the Choctaws for all their country on the east side of the Missi'pi River. Between five and six thousand of the Indians attended the treaty, and I think they are generally satisfied. When we first met them, great discontent prevailed. the first thing was to reconcile them among themselves, which we succeeded in pretty generally, then we went into the subject of the treaty, and with much difficulty their situation was made plain to their view by the Sect.y of War (who was of himself a host on that occasion). when well understood by them, there was not much difficulty afterwards to frame a treaty. the terms allowed them are liberal, as you instructed us to make for their comforts, yet I think it a good treaty for the U. States. I shall not enter into detail now, (as we are pressing on homewards). Major Eaton will write you as soon as he reaches Franklin and give you the details. Genl. Carroll did not come out with us, I understand he said, his health was not very good, so it is he declined coming, and fortunately we have been able to succeed without him. I hope you will approve the treaty when you see it. . . .